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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 208, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the public assistance beneficiary employer disclosure act.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 208, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 208.230, to read as follows:

208.230. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Public Assistance Beneficiary Employer Disclosure Act".

2. Any applicant for health care benefits under public assistance programs, including, but not limited to, state Medicaid assistance under chapter 208, or any person requesting uncompensated care in a hospital, shall identify the employer or employers of the proposed beneficiary of the health care benefits. If the proposed beneficiary is not employed, the applicant must identify the employer or employers of any adult who is responsible for providing all or some of the proposed beneficiary's support.

3. (1) The department of social services shall annually prepare a public assistance program beneficiary employer report to be submitted to the governor and general assembly. For the purposes of this section, a "public assistance program beneficiary" means a person who receives medical assistance under the state Medicaid system, Title XIX, P.L. 89-97, 1965, amendments to the federal Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 30, et. seq., as amended. The report shall provide the following information for each employer who has more than fifty employees and twenty-five or more public assistance program beneficiaries:

(a) The name and address of the qualified employer;

22 **(b) The number of public assistance program beneficiaries;**

23 **(c) The number of public assistance program beneficiaries who**
24 **are spouses or dependents of employees of the employer;**

25 **(d) Information on whether the employer offers health insurance**
26 **benefits to employees and their dependents;**

27 **(e) Information on whether the employer receives health**
28 **insurance benefits through the company;**

29 **(f) Whether an employer offers health insurance benefits, and, if**
30 **so, information on the level of premium subsidies for such health**
31 **insurance;**

32 **(g) The cost to the state of Missouri of providing public**
33 **assistance program benefits for the employer's employees and enrolled**
34 **dependents.**

35 **(2) The report shall not include the names of any individual**
36 **public assistance program beneficiary and shall be subject to privacy**
37 **standards both in the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability**
38 **Act of 1996, P.L. 104-191, and in Title XIX of the federal Social Security**
39 **Act.**

40 **(3) The report shall be issued within thirty days of the end of**
41 **each calendar year, starting with calendar year 2007. The department**
42 **of social services shall make the report available to the public through**
43 **the department's Internet website. Any member of the public shall**
44 **have the right to request and receive a copy of the report published**
45 **pursuant to this subsection.**

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